GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4671
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENT
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have removed the encroachment made on railway land during the last three years;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof during the said period;

(c) the reasons for encroachments on railway lands;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted alongwith the role of railway officers in this regard; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4671 BY DR. M.P. JAISWAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.08.2001 REGARDING REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENT

(a) & (b): Zone-wise number of encroachments removed during the last three years.

Year/ Zone	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	Total
Central	281	492	9292	10,065
Eastern	15358	14798	7249	37,405
Northern	1768	2675	4592	9,035
North Eastern	54	77	73	204
Northeast Frontier	7067	5786	5825	18,678
Southern	NIL	341	3	344
South Central	795	587	987	2,369
South Eastern	3809	6323	3692	13,824
Western	3684	2856	4450	10,990
TOTAL	32,816	33,935	36,163	1,02,914

(c): There is pressure on public lands in urban areas due to urban migration. Railway land lie in ribbon like long stretches and are thus difficult to safeguard from incidents of trespassing and encroachments despite continuous efforts to prevent these.

(d) & (e): Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise in preventing and removing encroachments. Cases of fresh encroachments are enquired into regularly. The Government wants to prevent all trespasses/encroachments and wants to remove encroachments from railway lands.